

IN THE CLAIMS:

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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mop storage container for storing a mop having a head and a handle, which comprises:
 - a lower housing, the lower housing including an upper side and at least one first opening, the at least one first opening being disposed on the upper side;
 - an upper housing, the upper housing including first and second members extending upwardly from the lower housing, the at least one first opening on the upper side of the lower housing being in fluid communication with the upper housing, at least one of the first member and the second member being flexibly or pivotably attached to the lower housing, the first member and the second member being adapted to receive a head of the mop in the upper housing when the first member and the second member are spread apart, the first member and the second member being adapted to substantially contain the head of the mop in the upper housing when the first member and the second member are brought together; and
 - a strainer ~~having~~ comprising a plurality of openings, the strainer being disposed across the at least one first opening in the lower housing.
2. (Previously Presented) A mop storage container, as defined by Claim 1, wherein the upper housing includes at least one second opening defined by a first recessed edge of the first member and a second recessed edge of the second member when the first and second members are brought together, the at least one second opening being adapted to enable the handle of the mop to project therethrough when the head of the mop is substantially contained in the upper housing.
3. (Previously Presented) The mop storage container, as defined by Claim 1, wherein the lower housing includes at least one third opening, the at least one third opening being adapted for draining fluid collected in the lower housing.